UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.,

Debtors.¹

PROMESA Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

Re: ECF Nos. 24477 and 24780

JOINT STATUS REPORT CONCERNING MOTION TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP THAT WERE NOT INCLUDED (DOCKET ENTRY NO. 24477)

To The Honorable United States District Judge Laura Taylor Swain:

1. The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "Oversight Board"), as sole Title III representative of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the "Commonwealth," or the "Debtor") pursuant to Section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* ("PROMESA"),² and plaintiffs in the case captioned *Maggie Acevedo Sepúlveda, et al. v. Department of Health of Puerto Rico*, Case No. 2000-06-1639 (collectively, "Movants"), hereby respectfully submit this further joint status report pursuant to the Court's *Order Regarding Joint Status*

The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3283- LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

² PROMESA is codified at 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101-2241.

Report (Docket Entry No. 24768) [ECF No. 24780] (the "Order") in connection with Movants' Motion Asking to Include Members of the Group that Were Not Included [ECF No. 24477] (the "Motion").

- 2. On June 16, 2023, the Court issued its *Order Concerning Motion to Include Members of the Group That Were Not Included (Docket Entry No. 24477)* [ECF No. 24495] (the "<u>Initial Order</u>"). In the Initial Order, the Court instructed the parties to meet and confer concerning the issues raised in the Motion and directed the parties to file a joint status report by June 26, 2023 if, following that meet and confer, "Movants and/or the Oversight Board believe that action from the Court is necessary." Motion at 1-2.
- 3. In compliance with the Initial Order, the parties conferred and filed a joint status report [ECF No. 24660] requesting that the parties be permitted to file a further joint status report on or before July 17, 2023 to afford the parties time to engage in an information exchange and further discussions to resolve the issues raised in the Motion.
- 4. Thereafter, on July 17, 2023, the parties filed a further joint status report [ECF No. 24768] in which the parties explained that they remain engaged in discussions to resolve the issues raised in the Motion and requested that they be permitted to file a further joint status report on or before August 18, 2023.
- 5. On July 18, 2023, the Court entered the Order, directing the parties to file a further joint status report by 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2023 "if the parties believe that action from the Court is necessary to address the issues raised in Movant's [Motion]." Order at 1.
- 6. The parties hereby inform the Court that they remain engaged in discussions to resolve the issues raised in the Motion. Most recently, on August 12 and August 14, 2023, the parties exchanged information regarding the parties' respective legal and factual positions concerning the relief requested in the Motion. However, the parties require additional time to engage in further discussions to resolve the issues raised in the Motion.
- 7. Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that they be permitted to file a further joint status report on or before September 8, 2023. In the event the parties require further assistance from

the Court, it will be noted in such report. A proposed order granting the relief requested herein is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Dated: August 18, 2023 San Juan, Puerto Rico

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this same date, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notifications of such filing to all CM/ECF participants in this case.

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